

CEREAL GRAINS : ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION  
SEASON 1977-78

## INQUIRIES

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This publication contains estimates of area sown and production for the major cereal grains for the 1977-78 season. These are given for the major cereal grain growing States and Australia. Comparative figures for the previous four seasons are also provided using information obtained from the annual Agricultural Census.

The major source of the estimates for New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia is information supplied by a sample of growers; while the estimates for Queensland are supplied by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Detailed statistics on the 1976-77 season will be published in *Wheat Statistics* (Catalogue No. 7307.0. Previously Ref. No. 10.35) due to be released in March 1978. Detailed statistics of oats and barley will be published in *Crop Statistics, Season 1976-77* (Catalogue No. 7302.0. Previously Ref. No. 10.58) due for release in March 1978.

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NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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TABLE 1. WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION,  
1973-74 TO 1977-78

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q <sup>l</sup>	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN ( <sup>000</sup> hectares)						
1973-74	2,883	1,258	395	1,432	2,978	8,948
1974-75	2,646	1,141	489	1,220	2,810	8,308
1975-76	2,774	1,073	576	958	3,171	8,555
1976-77 p	3,116	1,103	582	839	3,310	8,953
1977-78 (b)	3,532	1,277	610	1,101	3,713	10,236
PRODUCTION ( <sup>000</sup> tonnes)						
1973-74	3,962	1,490	526	1,795	4,211	11,987
1974-75	3,809	2,091	692	1,486	3,277	11,357
1975-76	4,310	1,578	830	1,139	4,122	11,982
1976-77 p	5,141	1,779	794	832	3,162	11,713
1977-78 (b)	3,937	1,442	520	562	3,133	9,597

(a) Includes Tasmania and The Australian Capital Territory. (b) Estimated. (c) Not collected or incomplete. p — preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 2. BARLEY FOR GRAIN : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION,  
1973-74 TO 1977-78

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN ( <sup>0</sup> 000 hectares)						
1973-74	386	222	139	627	510	1,894
1974-75	327	243	156	701	387	1,826
1975-76	486	344	236	832	419	2,329
1976-77 p	417	366	218	855	452	2,321
1977-78 (b)	(c)	474	245	1,113	636	(c)
PRODUCTION ( <sup>0</sup> 000 tonnes)						
1973-74	448	285	221	793	626	2,397
1974-75	408	319	297	1,134	329	2,515
1975-76	697	445	419	1,094	505	3,179
1976-77 p	571	402	407	889	553	2,847
1977-78 (b)	(c)	429	200	726	785	(c)

(a) Includes Tasmania and The Australian Capital Territory. (b) Estimated. (c) Not collected or incomplete. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 3. OATS FOR GRAIN : AREA SOWN AND PRODUCTION,  
1973-74 TO 1977-78

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Aust. (a)
AREA SOWN ( <sup>0</sup> 000 hectares)						
1973-74	405	271	20	152	325	1,182
1974-75	270	198	25	135	262	897
1975-76	290	243	12	119	320	988
1976-77 p	250	241	9	117	372	995
1977-78 (b)	(c)	289	10	146	442	(c)
PRODUCTION ( <sup>0</sup> 000 tonnes)						
1973-74	327	233	13	142	383	1,107
1974-75	293	186	28	112	250	874
1975-76	350	282	13	107	386	1,141
1976-77 p	307	309	9	90	347	1,072
1977-78 (b)	(c)	261	10	62	435	(c)

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